

# Human Autonomy Teaming Measures

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# Human-Autonomy Teaming

- How can autonomy best work with humans?
  - Have the qualities of a good team member
- How can these qualities be measured?
  - Use human teaming measures
  - Crew Resource Management



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# NATO Patterns



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*Agent* (create own situation awareness, make decisions,  
plan course of action)



*Supervisory Relationship* (e.g., delegation)



*Cooperative Relationship* (e.g., assistance)



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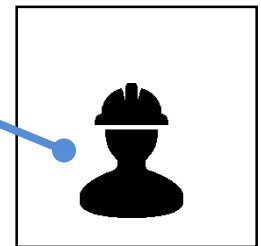
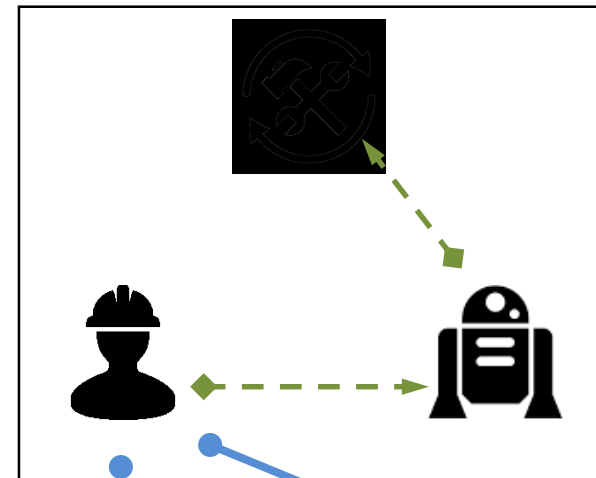


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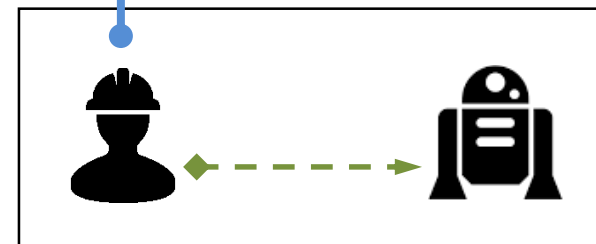


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Aircraft



ATC



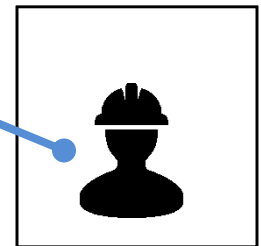
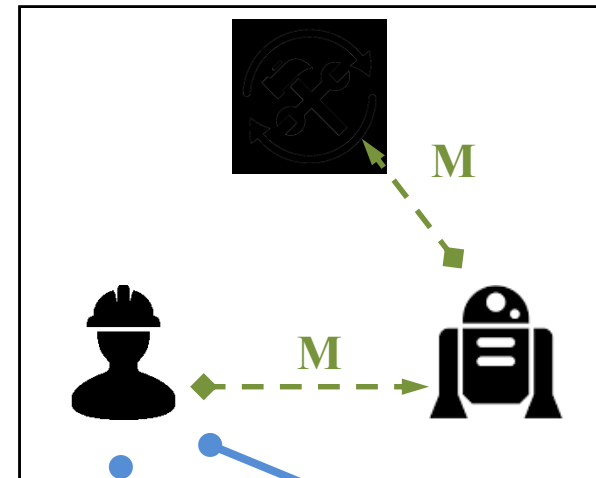
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From Shively et al. (2016)

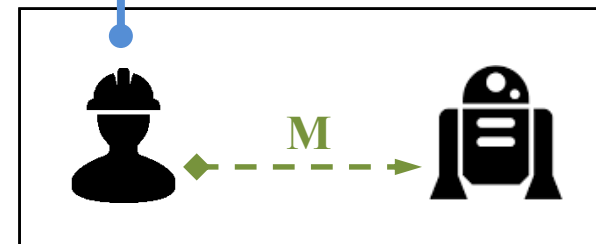
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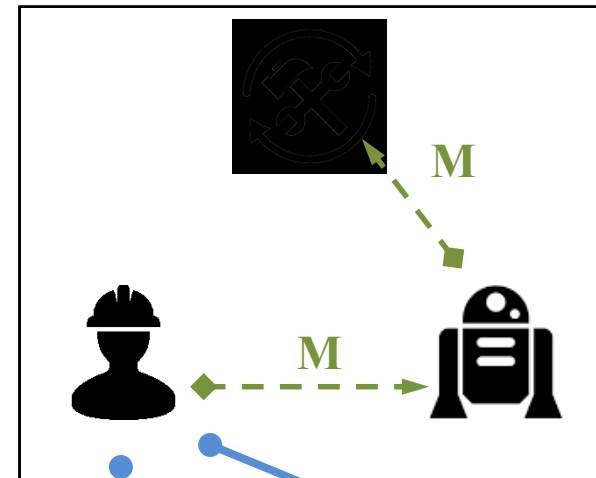
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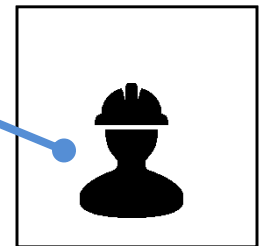
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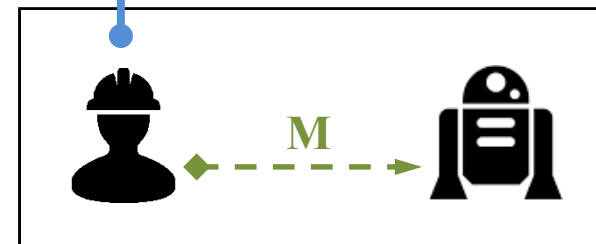


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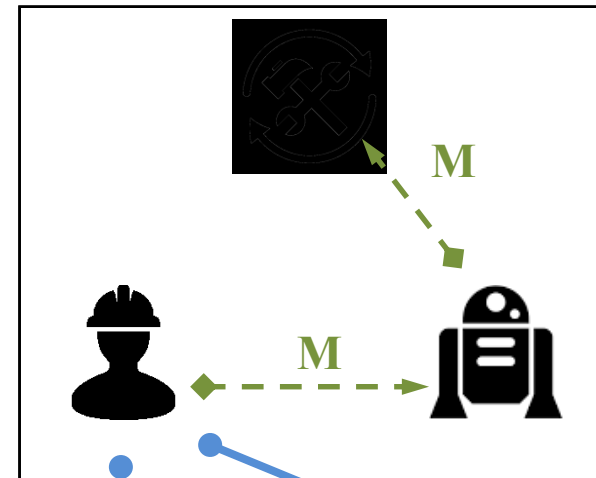


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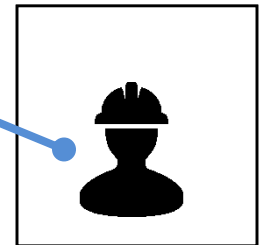
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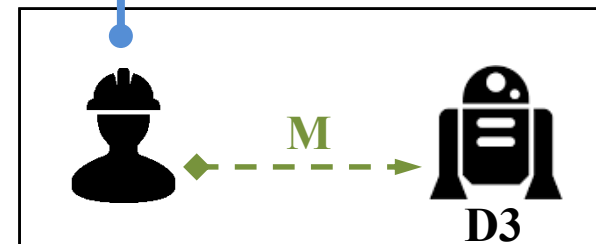


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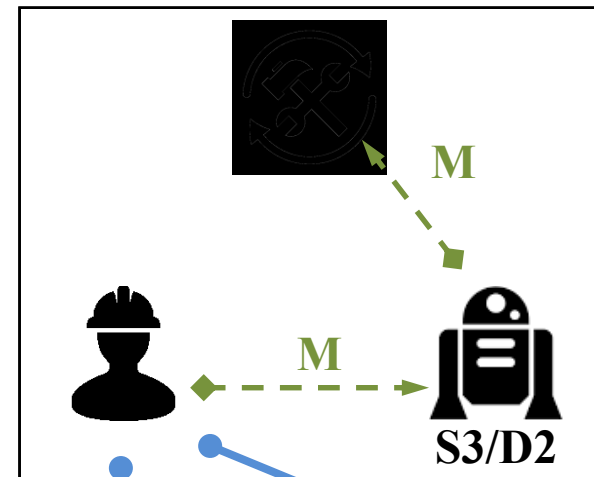
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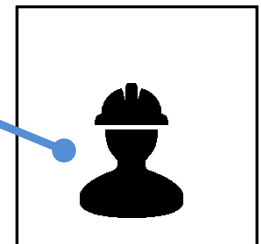
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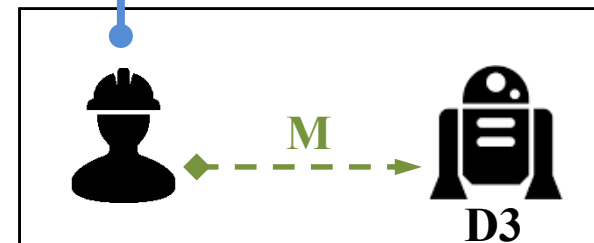


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# Auto TCAS Use Case

- **Initial Conditions.** RCO with onboard Auto TCAS Agent
- **Step 1.** Agent detects traffic and provides avoidance option
- **Step 2.** POB does not react in time
- **Step 3.** Agent implements option



# Auto TCAS Measures

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Situation Awareness  
*Monitor*

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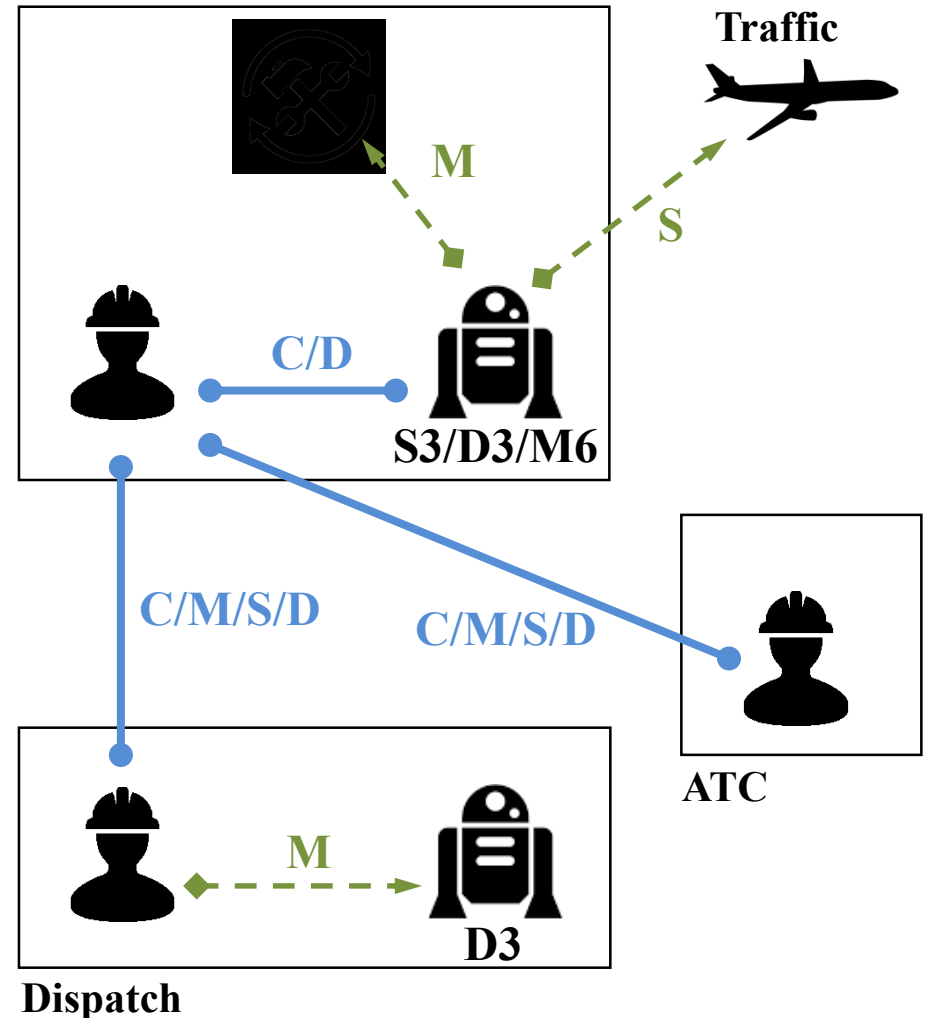
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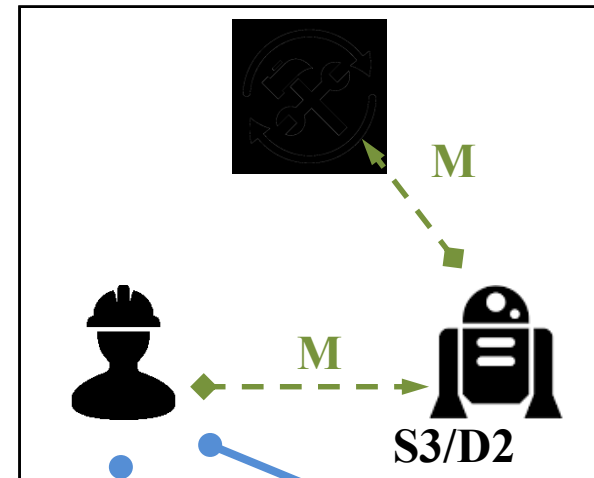


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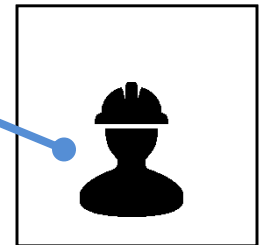
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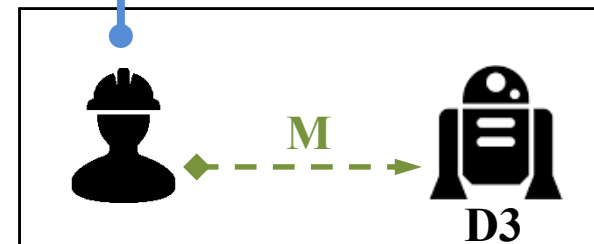


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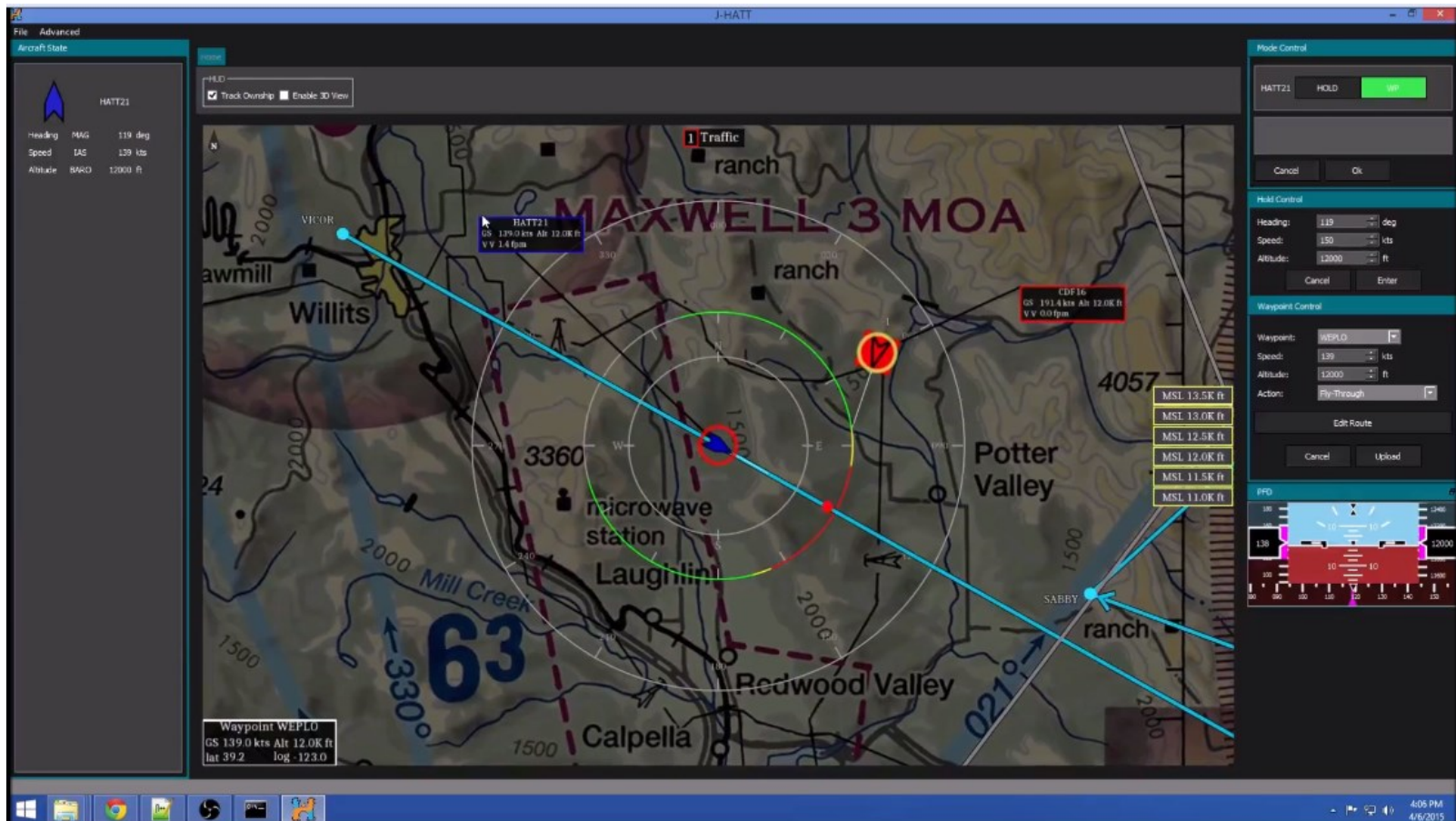


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# NASA UAS Ground Station



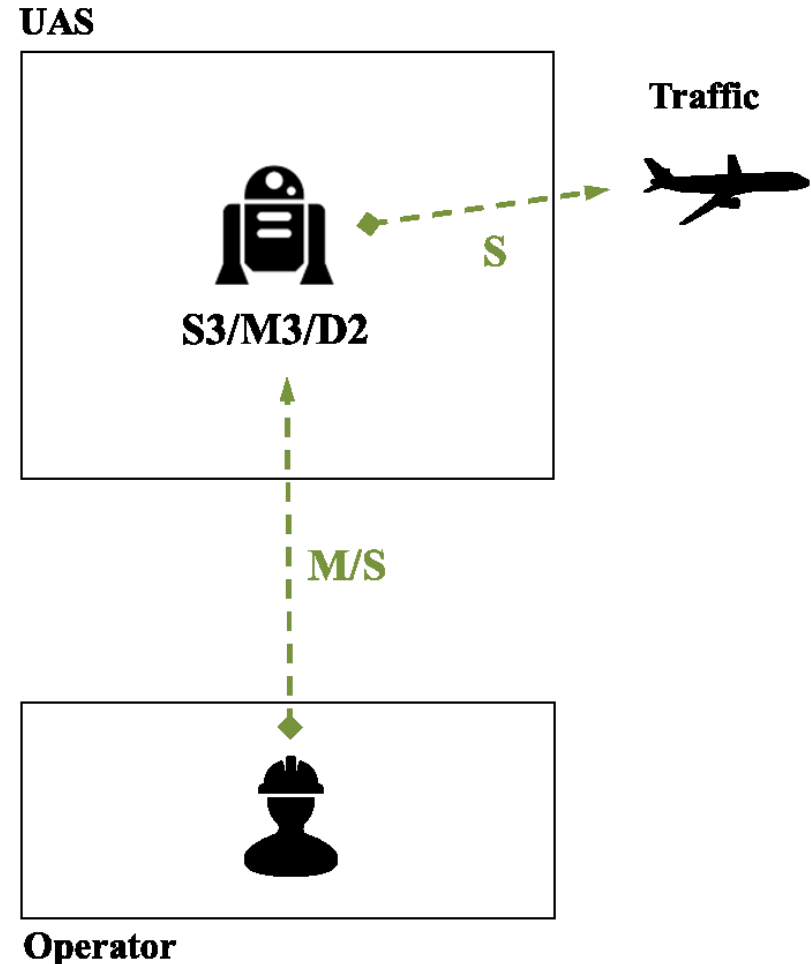
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UAS detects conflict and provides avoidance arc

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# HAT Measure Benefits

- System Design
  - Use measure categories to ensure coverage of teaming behavior
- Scenario Development
  - Use behavioral markers of measures to develop scenarios to elicit performance
- System Evaluation
  - Use behavioral markers to test performance

# Next Steps

- Apply measures to more use cases
- Use measures to drive improvements to NASA autonomy projects

**QUESTIONS?**

# Cooperation

Element	Good practice	Poor practice
<b>Team building and maintaining</b>	Establishes atmosphere for open communication	Blocks open communication
	Encourages inputs and feedback from others	Keeps barriers between crewmembers (CM)
	Does not compete with others	Competes with others
<b>Considering others</b>	Takes notice of the suggestions of other CM even if s/he does not agree	Ignores suggestions of other CM
	Takes condition of other CM into account	Does not take account of the condition of other CM
	Gives personal feedback	Shows no reaction to other CM
<b>Supporting others</b>	Helps other CM in demanding situations	Hesitates to help other CM in demanding situations
	Offers assistance	Does not offer assistance
<b>Conflict solving</b>	Keeps calm in interpersonal conflicts	Overreacts in interpersonal conflicts
	Suggests conflict solutions	Sticks to own position without considering a compromise
	Concentrates on what is right rather than who is wrong	Accuses other CM of making errors

# Situation Awareness

**Perception (Level 1 SA):** The first step in achieving SA is to perceive the status, attributes, and dynamics of relevant elements in the environment. Thus, Level 1 SA, the most basic level of SA, involves the processes of monitoring, cue detection, and simple recognition, which lead to an awareness of multiple situational elements (objects, events, people, systems, environmental factors) and their current states (locations, conditions, modes, actions).

**Comprehension (Level 2 SA):** The next step in SA formation involves a synthesis of disjointed Level 1 SA elements through the processes of pattern recognition, interpretation, and evaluation. Level 2 SA requires integrating this information to understand how it will impact upon the individual's goals and objectives. This includes developing a comprehensive picture of the world, or of that portion of the world of concern to the individual.

**Projection (Level 3 SA):** The third and highest level of SA involves the ability to project the future actions of the elements in the environment. Level 3 SA is achieved through knowledge of the status and dynamics of the elements and comprehension of the situation (Levels 1 and 2 SA), and then extrapolating this information forward in time to determine how it will affect future states of the operational environment.

# Behavioral Markers

- The term behavioral markers refers to a prescribed set of behaviors indicative of some aspect of performance (Flin & Martin, 2001)

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- **Initial Conditions.** FLYSKY12 is en route from SFO to ORD. There is one POB and a dispatcher flight following.
- **Step 1. Detection and Alerting of Thunderstorm.** Dispatch automation informs dispatcher of convective cell growing on flight path of FLYSKY12.
- **Step 2. Dispatcher informs POB of cell. Step 3. Modification of Flight Plan.** Seeing a need to re-route, the dispatcher requests modified flight plan from dispatch automation. Dispatch automation returns modified flight plan.
- **Step 4. Dispatch uplinks modified flight plan.**
- **Step 5. POB requests clearance for flight plan from ATC.**
- **Step 6. ATC rejects clearance.** ATC tells POB that aircraft must take additional six-minute delay for new arrival slot coming into ORD.
- **Step 7. Planning for Delay.** POB asks automation for alternatives to take six-minute delay. Automation provides two alternatives: a) Slow down, saves fuel but risks further movement/growth of cell b) Hold past cell, more fuel burn but lower risk of further deviations.
- **Step 8. POB requests clearance from ATC.** Modified with holding after passing cell; ATC approves request.
- **Step 9. POB tells Agent to implement the new clearance.** Agent sets autopilot in accord with